

## ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION C

**Read it yourself. Prop. C has no real safeguards and no real protections to prevent taxpayers from being ripped off.**

**Under Prop. C, government contracts will go to the largest campaign contributors and their lobbyists.** Do we really want to turn vital city services like public safety, trash collection, or the water department over to well-connected insiders that hire the best lobbyist and make the biggest contributions?

**We already waste millions because of decisions that favored land owners, developers and other big campaign donors over the public interest.** The Union-Tribune reported that sweetheart city leases cost us millions annually. We're also paying for decisions that let builders and developers build projects without providing adequate roads and other essential services.

**Prop. C opens the door to Chicago-style job patronage.** Prop. C will eliminate civil service protections. Private employers will be free to replace city employees with their own relatives or reward employees for political activities.

**Prop. C will put public safety at risk.** Under Prop. C, there is no prohibition on contracting out police protection, fire protection and lifeguard services. These essential public safety services should not be managed by private companies who care more about their bottom line than our safety.

**Unscrupulous government contractors COST taxpayers millions.** San Diego's Kroll Consulting contract ballooned to \$20 million. Costs doubled when the state outsourced MediCal processing. A private company hired to run Florida's prisons billed millions for non-existent guards. The federal government paid tens of billions for fraudulent billing and contractor waste.

**San Diego is incapable of effectively monitoring its current contracts.** Prop. C will require spending many more millions for oversight – or we will get ripped off for millions more.

**Prop. C is a bad idea.**

**It creates more problems than it purports to solve.**

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